



TIMETABLES

[Loganair interisland timetable 30 Oct 2022 to 19 Feb 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries 26 Sep 2022 to 6 May 2023](#)

LIMPET'S PUBLICATION DATE

From October 2022 the deadline for the Stronsay Limpet changed to the last day of the month. However, the December 2022 edition will be published 10 days early, on Wednesday 21 December, as it will contain details of the opening times of the island's businesses over Christmas & Hogmanay plus lots more seasonal information. The January 2023 edition will be published on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

NHS ORKNEY & COMMUNITY COUNCILS

See letters on pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fishmart café reopens	Wed 30 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 3 Dec
Community Council meeting (in Community Hall)	Mon 5 Dec
OIC Special Collection	Mon 5 Dec
Songs & stories for Christmas	Thu 8 Dec
Remembering Together, Orkney	Thu 8 Dec
Carols in the church hall (with snacks & a cuppa!)	Sun 11 Dec
Mobile library van visit (<i>rescheduled from 28 Nov</i>)	Mon 12 Dec
SDT AGM	Wed 14 Dec
Midnight carol service in the kirk	Sat 24 Dec

FREE CHRISTMAS/HOGMANAY GREETINGS

As usual you can place a seasonal greeting to family and friends in the December edition of the Limpet and it won't cost you a penny!

The deadline is 7pm on Wednesday 21 December.

Send your message to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk

or write to "The Stronsay Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay KW17 2AR."

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Wed 21 Dec 2022**. Items for inclusion should be sent to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk, the deadline is 7pm on that date. The postal address of the *Limpet* is "Stronsay Limpet, Claremont, KW17 2AR".



Prescription Collection and Delivery Service

Please contact the wellbeing coordinator on 01857 616410 or email sdtwellbeing@gmail.com if you would like a prescription collected and delivered.

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**We warmly invite you to attend the
Annual General Meeting of the Stronsay Development Trust
on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7.00 pm at the Stronsay
Hotel**

The agenda for the evening will include the Chairman's Report, Approval of Annual Accounts and the Election of directors.

There will also be the exciting opportunity to hear a presentation and to view and discuss plans for the future development of our island, with a focus on the development of the Stronsay Hotel as well as the housing project.

For more information, please feel free to contact us on 01857 616410. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 14th December at 7.00 pm at the Stronsay Hotel.

The Board of Directors of Stronsay Development Trust

Update from your Community Council

As many of you will have become aware, there has been a proposed plan to implement NHS24 (111) across the 10 ferry linked islands of NHS Orkney, originally effective from 5/12/2022 (this would initially be for the winter period to end of February and then be reviewed). This decision had been made by the NHS Orkney Board, with no prior consultation with island clinicians or community councils. The isles clinicians were informed of this decision at a meeting at the beginning of November. Our island GP's were collectively unhappy with these proposals and involved the community council. Similar feelings were shared on all the other affected isles, and a joint (remote) meeting was convened on 7/11/22 where all 10 community councils were represented by chairs and vice-chairs, as well as the 3 north isles councillors. After the initial presentation of their proposals, there were many questions posed by those present, mainly addressing their concerns around the idea.

Following this meeting, the north isles councillors thought it a good idea to convene a meeting of the community councils (without the NHS persons present) to discuss a response to this. The response to that meeting was that an open letter, addressing all our concerns, be sent to the members of the NHS Board. That letter is attached to this article. As a result of this letter, there was another meeting held last week, again with all community councils being represented. At this meeting, the NHS board members expressed their surprise over the level of concerns, but agreed they needed to address them. Therefore, a decision was made to postpone the decision to implement NHS24 until such time as they could speak to all the isles clinicians, a process they expected would take about 3 weeks, at which time a further meeting would be convened to discuss the matter further. Once this happens, we can provide the community with a further update.

During all these meetings, we were all reminded that in the cases of an extreme (life threatening) emergency, we should always bypass usual protocol and dial 999.

Finally, I would like to make you all aware that we have Stephen Brown from the NHS Board, attending the beginning of our community council meeting next week, Monday 5th December, at 7pm, in the community hall. If anyone has any questions they wish to put to him, you are welcome to attend for this or please feel free to contact any of the community council members to put the question for you.

Shirley Whiteman

On behalf of the community council.

(Open letter is on next page)



STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

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21 November 2022

Dear member of the NHS Orkney Board,

On 7th November 2022, NHS Orkney held a meeting with representatives of the North and South Isles Community Councils, where the plan to roll out NHS24 as the first point of contact out of hours for the (non-mainland) Orkney Isles from early December was shared. This came as a great surprise to the Isles representatives as there had been no prior consultation to this announcement, or any information provided to Democratic Services about the nature of this meeting. There would have been reasonable community expectation for advance engagement where such a change will have such a profound effect on emergency health care provision for those who live in these Islands.

Following the outpouring of dissent from representatives from across all island community councils during that meeting, a joint meeting of North and South Isles Community Council representatives was held on the evening of 16th November. It is testament to the strength of opposition to this huge structural change, that all ten different island community councils came together to unite on this issue so quickly.

We are extremely lucky in our Isles to have islanders with a range of diverse backgrounds and skill sets. Attendees of this meeting included -

- A well-liked and respected retired GP with 10 years of experience as an island GP who currently coordinates the training for his island's First Responders.
- New and long-serving community councillors, representing both North and South isles communities, with lived experience of the challenges of working, living and being unwell in geographically isolated islands.
- Isles residents with direct experience of NHS24.
- Current and former SAS First Responders.
- Island SFRS retained firefighters, including watch managers.
- A current nuclear safety engineer with 12+ years of experience in high-hazard emergency response planning.

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- A former military medic (Royal Navy & Royal Marines) with 13 years of experience in remote pre and no-hospital emergency medicine in HM Ships and Submarines, combat situations (Afghanistan & Sierra Leone) and civilian support emergency medicine (771 Naval Air Squadron Search & Rescue Flight and the Emergency Department at the Ministry of Defence Hospital Unit Derriford (Plymouth)).

Elected Members of Orkney Islands Council.

With this wealth of experience behind us, we made the informed and unanimous decision to oppose your organisation's decision to move the North and South Isles communities to the NHS24 service for the following reasons –

Worsens geographical inequality in acute care

This is an issue both for patient transfer within Orkney and with Mainland Scotland. The islands of Orkney are geographically disparate, which presents challenges in patient transfer from the isles to the Balfour hospital by dangerous, unpredictable stretches of water and a high incidence of storm days and low visibility days, which affect water and air transfers.

In good weather and with the availability of an air transfer helicopter or a ferry, there is a minimum transport delay in admitting a patient to a hospital of approximately an hour and a half, in some islands. In periods of poor weather, which can be frequent in the winter months, the wait for an air ambulance can be several hours, regardless of the severity of the illness. With the air ambulance centrally based, weather must be permittable in all locations for a transfer with no additional weather delays. Operational problems can also cause delays, with air ambulances bound for another incident or having to rely on the backup coastguard helicopter provision or RNLI Lifeboat.

Severe illness could be routed to 999 under the proposed system. The experience here with 999 routed calls in recent years is that operators struggle to know where to pass them to or what local resources are available. This confusion can result in unnecessary delays.

Patients who consider themselves less severely ill would be encouraged to engage with NHS24, where the average time to get through to a clinician was recently reported to be 70 minutes. This includes an average wait of 22 minutes just to get put through to a call handler. It is further reported that 23% of calls are ultimately abandoned by the caller.

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At present, the increased transfer time from the isles is compensated for by the speedy callback from local practitioners. Under the proposed system, the isles patients would be put at further detriment through the compounding of unnecessary time delays built into an inefficient system. What is worse is that this is a delay during the 'Golden Hour', which is regarded as so crucial by prehospital medical professionals. The 'Golden Hour' is a term often used in trauma to suggest that an injured patient has 60 minutes from the time of injury to receive definitive care, after which morbidity and mortality significantly increase.

In cases that are not initially life-threatening, this extra delay could result in deterioration that becomes life-threatening or the onset of complications resulting in -

Increased use of hospital resources and budget

An increased chance of less than complete recovery with ongoing disability and use of health resources and finances

Overdiagnosis

Assessment at a distance e.g., for 'sore leg', 'chest pain', or 'skin rash' by written protocol or even by a clinician, inevitably is based on the 'play it safe' principle, as it should be. This can result in early advice that hospital admission or a house call is needed, which may be completely avoidable if the assessment is done from the beginning by the local practitioner with records and an existing relationship with the patient. One unnecessary transfer and admission costs thousands of pounds and interferes substantially with a patient's life.

Reduces local resilience

This is in contravention of the spirit of national and local government policy. Across the islands of Orkney, there are a range of different situations and levels of first responder cover. Even in islands where there is first responder provision, their training is designed to help them tide a patient over for a few minutes until the trained ambulance staff or primary care staff arrive. They need access to immediate skilled and reassuring guidance backed up by a speedy coordinated response. Support from SAS has been poor, and, in some cases, training has lapsed, putting first responders in some islands in an unacceptable situation. On our islands, it may seem that things 'just happen' in an emergency. Though, in reality, this response doesn't 'just happen'. It is down to local people such as the fire team and airport staff also responding in an emergency. The fear here is that NHS24 would be unaware of the scale of the local response required.

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Islands are embedded in the principles and practice of remote and rural medicine. The pre-hospital requirements and responsibilities far exceed what would be expected of a first responder in an urban setting, with lengthy wait times prior to patient transfer to secondary care. This also applies to ANP and GPs attending call outs, where this extended period of pre-hospital care is a special case in island settings. This increased level of responsibility for clinical staff is not fully reflected or recognized explicitly by NHSO in practice.

Vulnerable Patients

Continuity of care is vital to this group's well-being. Those who would particularly miss speedy access to a known voice and a local practitioner, whom they will have an existing relationship with, include -

Parents of sick children

The elderly and people with communication or memory problems

The terminally ill

Those with multiple chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart, stroke etc.

As a group, we hope that you will reverse this decision as a result of this letter, which is being made public. It is fair to state that you are extremely unlikely to obtain the cooperation of island residents. Furthermore, you will receive no support from the island community councils in attempting to gain this cooperation, as the replacement of the Balfour switchboard service with NHS24 is something we know, for the reasons given above, will be detrimental to the healthcare provision of our communities.

Yours Sincerely,

Terry McCabe, Chair, Eday Community Council

Nigel Cheeseman, Chair, Flotta Community Council

Rachel Thomson, Chair, Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council

Ian Deyell, Chair, North Ronaldsay Community Council

Neil Rendall, Chair, Papa Westray Community Council

Angus Firth, Chair, Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council

Andy Wilcox, Chair, Sanday Community Council

Leanne Bews, Chair, Shapinsay Community Council

Shirley Whiteman, Chair, Stronsay Community Council

Liz Drever, Chair, Westray Community Council

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Copy to;

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Alistair Carmichael, MP for Orkney and Shetland

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RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES

Orkney Islands Council has published a “Household refuse and recycling welcome pack” which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/3bjcbacm>.

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A regular report from your councillor on what he is doing on behalf of the folk of the North Isles

We have, at last, chosen a new Council Chief Executive. His name is Oliver Reid, and he is currently Head of Communities and Public Protection at Renfrewshire Council. He is expected to take up the post at OIC sometime early in 2023. Mr Reid said to the press that he'd been struck by the range of services that Orkney Islands Council provides; the incredible innovation that takes place in Orkney; and the energy, vision and enthusiasm that he had seen from elected members. I just thought I'd mention that, because Orkney Islands Council is no ordinary council. Of course, no organisation is perfect, and there is always room for improvement, but I sometimes wish the Orkney public were more appreciative of what we do.

Primary care in the Isles is something I have been exercised with lately, both concerning first responders and out-of-hours cover. North and South Isles' councillors and community councillors from these areas have been involved in various meetings with Orkney Health & Care, NHS Orkney, and others to address the issues. In common with everybody on the Isles I have spoken to (and I suspect practically everybody I haven't spoken to), I'm totally against NHS Orkney's proposal to rely solely on the NHS24 (111) telephone service for cover out-of-hours (i.e. 6pm to 8am on weekdays, all weekend and on public holidays). Anyone can already use NHS24 if they really want the frustration of explaining our geography and waiting an average of an hour-and-a-quarter before getting to speak to a clinician. Particularly as we currently have a sterling service provided by the Balfour Hospital Switchboard (01856-888000), where, typically, a local clinician will call us back within 10 minutes and is on the spot to assist as necessary. I will be resisting any attempts to terminate the Balfour Hospital Switchboard service.

In the past, I have suggested resurrecting the North Isles District Committee, which existed at Orkney County Council from the late 19th century. A modern form for this forum could comprise all three North Isles Councillors together with representatives from each of the eight community councils in the North Isles ward. I would welcome views on this idea.

Work continues on our Council Development Plan, and I continue to push for the priorities outlined in my manifesto. We are also beginning the process to set our budget for the financial year 2023/24.

We now have a full complement of church representatives on the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, and I belatedly welcome Mrs Marie Locke of Stronsay, representing the Church of Scotland. It's good to have a representative from the Isles.

I have attended several council seminars recently on topics including outdoor access and "active travel" (by walking and cycling, but not on horseback), Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan, and the Islands Growth Deal. Other meetings I've participated in since my *last Letter* include those of: the Orkney College Business Review Short-Life Working Group (by invitation); Sanday Community Council (special and ordinary); Monitoring & Audit Committee; and the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (as OIC's representative).

Our latest Policy & Resources Committee agenda was so long that the meeting had to be spread over two days !

It is interesting what one can find on the Internet. The other day, I stumbled across this statement made by Rhoda Grant MSP (Labour) at a [meeting of the Scottish Parliament on the 18th January 2017](#): *"The Scottish Government must recognise that it has no support for the plan. The Government cannot tell us who supports scrapping the HIE board, but I can give a lengthy list of those who totally oppose it. For example, Dr Stephen Clackson from Orkney Islands Council told me: "Before long, with a single police force, single ambulance service, single fire and rescue service etc, this country will have come to resemble a large English county. The SNP will have transformed Scotland into Scotshire!"* My contribution to the debate does seem to have been successful, as Highlands & Islands Enterprise was saved by 64 votes to 63 and continues to exist to this day.

Weather and ferries permitting, I intend to be in Shapinsay for the meeting of their community council on the 24th November, and in Westray on the 28th November for theirs.

The festive season has already begun in the shops (even though there are weeks to go), and I've already started receiving Christmas cards, so, echoing the words of Tiny Tim (the character in Charles Dickens' story *A Christmas Carol*, that is, not the ukulele-playing, falsetto singer of *Tiptoe Through the Tulips*), I shall say: A merry Christmas to us all; God bless us, every one !



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Letter from School Place is also available on-line at clackson.info



Recent Bird Sightings

'Big' birds featured well during November with a pleasing mixture of geese present towards the end of the month, a party of 6-7 Canada Geese, a few Greenland White-fronted Geese, one or two small parties of Pink-footed Geese and a considerable party of Barnacle Geese. Whooper Swans are more numerous than in recent years and Greylags are beginning to become manageable, allowing several species of duck to return to their former haunts. There is still some way to go!

Several species of duck have been seen apart from the usual Wigeon, Teal and Mallard – a few Pintail, Long-tailed Ducks in Mill Bay, 2 drake Goldeneye on the Bu and two Velvet Scoter off the Lower Village seen by David Askew on several occasions.

With autumn migration almost over, there have been a few 'stragglers' around the island – top of the 'big league' category being the Great White Egret found by Donald Omond near the Matpow Loch and later seen briefly by JH in a ditch between Banks and Leaquoy. The second record for Stronsay. (see photo JH). In the 'middle leagues' Woodcock, Grey Plover and Wood Pigeon have all been 'surprises'. A Ruff (male - perhaps the same bird?) was found in the same field for the third year running near the Holland 'turn-off' and a very small unidentified wader was seen there by JH on 29th. A Little Auk was seen at Bomasty bay by Donald Omond on 25th.

A few small 'passerine' migrants have been seen in November – two each of Black Redstart, Chiffchaff and Blackcap. and a similar number (4-5) of Reed Buntings and Stonechats. Both species probably breeding on Stronsay. Many Blackbirds have arrived and will probably remain here for the winter. Redwings and Fieldfares have arrived in their usual numbers and they too will probably stay on unless the weather turns 'icy'.

But the biggest surprise of the month was a Kingfisher discovered clinging to a wooden post in the shelter of a building by Fran Miller at Banks on 8th November. The second record for the island – the first being seen by Sue and I by the Mill Stream in April 1996.

Thanks for all the calls. John Holloway.



'The Great White Egret near Leaquoy' Photo JH

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'One of the drake Goldeneye at the Bu Loch' Photo JH



'Brown' Chiffchaff Ayre of the Mires' Photo DA



Stronsay Wildlife Recording Project

A year or recording and compiling our island's wildlife

We are looking for your pictures to contribute to a publication of a year of Stronsay wildlife. Mammals or marine creatures, flowers or fungi, lichen or moths. We are interested in seeing it all! You don't even need to know what the species is just have a picture and we can identify it.

Events and activities will be held in 2023 for anyone who wants to learn about different species. Get involved with trapping or field visits to record our vast habitats. Take part in rockpooling or snorkelling. Guide books, protective wear and equipment will be available to borrow from the Development Trust.

Join the facebook group Stronsay Wildlife Recording

For more information contact
David Askew
david_askew11@btinternet.com



Submit your wildlife pictures on the Facebook group Stronsay Wildlife Recording or email David

Stronsay Wildlife Recording

Do you want to find out more about getting involved in the project?

Not sure where to start or what to look for?

Or are you passionate about recording wildlife and want to be an active contributor to our publication?

**Come along for coffee
and chat with David at
the Development Trust
office**

TIME: 10am

Tuesday 6th December

For more information contact
david_askew11@btinternet.com

Has Stronsay Lost All Its Marbles? On the Search for Items from the Wreck of the *Edenmore*

When on a “dirty night” in October 1909, the *Edenmore*, bound for Sydney, Australia, was forced by a south-westerly gale onto the rocky shores of Papa Stronsay, it was quickly rendered completely helpless, but thanks to the courageous efforts of the Stronsay lifeboat men, all of the *Edenmore* crew were saved. Once the official salvage company had removed what was still considered to be of value and headed away back south, the remainder of the ship and cargo was purchased by local builder Samuel Firth, and some of it ended up in the hands of Stronsay residents – including bags and bags of marbles. As Bill Miller commented in a previous *Limpet* article (Sept. 2009), “Stronsay children experienced no shortage of marbles for many years to come”. Other items that made their way into Stronsay homes were pieces of china and crockery, fancy tea cups, and perhaps even a piano or two. Timber from the ship was used by Mr Firth to build two homes in Finstown, aptly named *Edenmore* and *Edenmore Villa*, a cabin light was installed at Buttquoy by W. P. Drever, and a cabin door was known to have been used in the back kitchen at Ebenezer for draining boards.

In response to the current Seas of the North Isles project sponsored by Wessex Archaeology and the North Isles Landscape Partnership, members of the Stronsay Heritage Society are hoping to discover whether any items still remain from the cargo of the unfortunate *Edenmore*. Have all those marbles been lost forever, or might any of them still be found rolling around in an old box in a Stronsay shed? Are any pieces of *Edenmore* china even now sitting in pride of place on a mantelpiece or tucked safely away in a top cupboard? Does anyone know what happened to the six pianos that were rescued (though thirty pianos didn’t survive)?

As old newspaper clippings, Lloyd’s reports, and eyewitness accounts are pored over towards the goal of creating a display for the heritage centre, it is hoped that current and previous Stronsay residents will share any items or stories or photos of items – even rumours or vague memories are welcome! – that still remain from the *Edenmore*. If you can help with the search in any way – or know someone who might be able to – please contact Jennifer Graham or Ian Cooper or send an email via

stronsayshipwrecks@gmail.com

Records of a Bygone Age

Stronsay's First Lifeboat – the John Ryburn

Part 1

Stronsay has twice had the privilege of being a Lifeboat Station for the North Isles of Orkney and played host to lifeboats of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The first was the period stretching from 1909 until 1915 when, due to so many of our young men being involved in the war effort in Orkney and overseas, it was no longer possible to guarantee a crew to man the lifeboat and the Station had to be temporarily closed. The second period was from 1952 until the Station was finally closed in 1972, with a lifeboat service being provided from Kirkwall. This article takes a look at Stronsay's first lifeboat and the men who sailed in her.

For thousands of years Orkney's many sheltered bays and natural harbours have provided safe haven for shipping from all over Europe but, at the same time, Orkney's rugged coasts have been the graveyard for an untold number of ships and, on many occasions, also of their crews.

Steps were gradually being taken to try to ensure safe passage for ships within and around Orkney waters, with a lighthouse built on North Ronaldsay - only the third one to be built in Scotland - in 1789. This was followed in 1794 by a lighthouse on the Pentland Skerries, on Sanday's Start Point in 1806, Hoy High and Hoy Low in 1851, Cantick Head in 1858 and on the little island of Auskerry in 1867. Yet more were to follow, with lighthouses on Helliar Holm in 1893, Noup Head in 1895 and with Orkney's last major lighthouse built on Copinsay in 1915.

The necessity to do everything possible to save lives at sea was also recognised by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution with the opening of a Station at Stromness where a lifeboat was placed in 1867, followed by the opening of the Longhope Lifeboat Station in 1874. Although these two lifeboats provided good cover for the Pentland Firth and the southern part of Orkney, it was a long journey for the Stromness boat to offer assistance to any ships in distress in the North Isles of Orkney and beyond.

As the 19th century rolled on into the 20th, an ever-increasing number of ships were sailing between and around the North Isles of Orkney, many of these being cargo ships and drifters involved in the growing herring fishing industry based in Stronsay. It had long been recognised that these North Isles would benefit greatly from having a lifeboat stationed in the area and, in 1904, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution agreed in principle to set up a Lifeboat Station and provide a lifeboat in the isles.

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The number of vessels involved directly and indirectly with the herring fishing was ever-increasing as can be seen in this photo of drifters at Stronsay's East Pier.

With the herring fishing in Stronsay getting ever busier, being fairly central in the isles and having a good natural harbour, Stronsay was the favoured location to place a lifeboat. These calls were made stronger when the passenger and cargo steamer St Rognvald was wrecked, fortunately with no loss of life, on Stronsay's Burgh Head in 1900 and even more so with the tragic loss of the Portknockie steam drifter Evangeline and all eight of her crew on Grice Ness in 1905. With this increasing vocal support, momentum was gathering to get the Stronsay station operational and also to have a lighthouse erected on the north east coast of Papa Stronsay.

The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses were soon to authorise David Stevenson of the famous Stevenson lighthouse building family to design a lighthouse for Papa Stronsay. This was quickly done, with the building of the 27ft (8.2m) lighthouse being completed in late 1906 and first being lit in February the following year. The lifeboat was to take a little longer!



The original 27ft (8.2 metre) lighthouse on Papa Stronsay, first lit in February 1907

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The RNLI's 1904 'agreement in principle' slowly turned into reality and, with Stronsay now agreed as the best location for a new Station, a deputation of Stronsay fishermen had visited a number of lifeboat stations looking at the various types of boat available, both self-righting and non self-righting models. Their favoured vessel was a 43ft non self-righting lifeboat, designed by G L Watson, which they felt was the better sea boat and this was the type it was agreed should be placed at the new Station. Lifeboats based on Mr Watson's designs were being built right up until the 1960s, with approaching 200 'Watson' class lifeboats of various specifications going into service for the RNLI over the years.

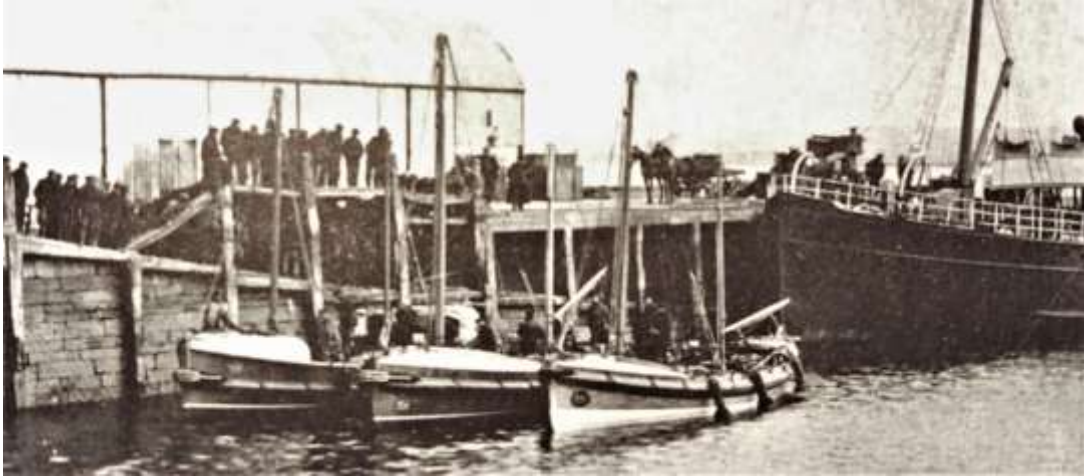
Then, in June 1907, Inspector of Lifeboats Lieutenant Basil Hall visited Stronsay where, under his guidance, a local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was set up and a local Committee formed. The same gentleman also visited Kirkwall, setting up a sister branch there. He reported that Stronsay's new boat, which was to be the first to be fitted with a motor, was in the process of being built and that he hoped to bring this new boat up to Orkney himself later that year. That proved to be wildly optimistic!

The RNLI already had a number of steam-powered lifeboats in use but, following successful trials with internal combustion engines, it had previously been agreed that all their new lifeboats should have these fitted and that the three new lifeboats, already on order and in the process of being built by the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding and Engineering Company of London, were all to be fitted with these new engines. These boats were all destined for the north of Scotland, as replacement lifeboats for the existing boats at Thurso and Stromness and as the first boat for the new Station at Stronsay, but only two, the Stromness and Stronsay boats, finished up being fitted, with motors. These two new lifeboats, although fitted with the new internal combustion engines, also had two lug sails and had provision for 5 rowlocks on either side with the accompanying oars provided for use if the need ever arose for the vessels to be rowed. Eventually, by spring 1909, all three were fitted out ready for use.

These boats were still docked on the Thames, where they had been built and fitted out, awaiting their new crews to collect them and take them home. After some confusion and misunderstanding regarding the crew of the Stromness lifeboat's availability to travel at what was a busy time of year for them, eleven crewmen from Stronsay travelled down to London to bring both the Stronsay and Stromness lifeboats home and they were joined by men from the Thurso station, who were also being provided with a new boat. Members of the crew were paid 5/- (25p) per day while they were away, with an additional 5/- per day to cover food, and any other expenses also being paid.

The three ships – Stronsay's 'John Ryburn', Stromness's 'John A Hay' and the sail and oar powered 'Sarah Austin' for Thurso formed a small flotilla to head north together, leaving London on 15th April 1909 and, with overnight stops at many ports on the way, this epic voyage, which had not been without its problems, concluded when the 'John Ryburn' eventually arrived in Stronsay on 15th May after a journey lasting a full month and covering over 800 miles.

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The three new lifeboats berthed at Thurso. The Stromness 'John A Hay' is on the left next the quay, with Thurso's sail powered 'Sarah Austin' on the right. Stronsay's 'John Ryburn' is moored between them.

Part 2 will be in next month's Limpet.

Ian Cooper

November 2022

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

THANK YOU

The Stronsay Community Association would like to thank everyone who participated at the recent Christmas tree lighting community concert. You were all superstars and very deserving of the rapturous applause given!

Thank you to everyone who made it all possible and worked like heroes to make the whole night a great success.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

Leo Martini-Brown
From 616332 (as per card) to 616421

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Dunera, Lower Whitehall Road, Stronsay, KW17 2AS

A detached bungalow (period 1920-60s) with garden and parking space.
Comprising huge sitting room sea facing, kitchen/diner, 4 bedrooms, shower room & hall
(167 sq. metres) plus 4 sq. metre porch.

Habitable but needs upgrading or project development.

Oil fired central heating with multi fuel stove in living room.

Water, phone connected.

SEPA for up to 6 residents.

Council Tax C.

Primary energy indicator 288 kWh.

£5736 over 3 years. Energy Efficiency Band E (44) – Scottish average is Band D - 60

Environmental Band F (37) – Scottish average band D - 59

Now only £110,000 or above (£20k below valuation).

Finance Options available.

Leo Martini-Brown

lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

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FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

CLIFTON FREE RANGE EGGS!

EGGCITING NEWS!!

ENJOY SOME CRACKING GOOD EGGS

Our happy hens are delighted to let you know that they are now producing top quality free range eggs. The eggs are available from outside the annex at Clifton for only £1.50/box.

Help yourselves and just put the money in the box.

CHIROPODIST?

I am looking into getting a chiropodist out to Stronsay. If you would be interested please phone Anna on 616 410.

Thanks. Yvonne

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Don and Julie for all taxi work and Jim Holland for freight!

Also, if anyone needs their car karcher jet washed and vaccuming and then can do at Ellerslie as you pass for a donation to same Defib Fund. Cost is £10 per basic body wash and wheels rinsed and boot/inside vacced. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

This charity service will be hopefully available until there are enough defib machines in position with the people trained to cover us all 24/7. Availability is limited to Saturdays.

Any questions and to book give me a call.

Nicandro J. Porcelli, Ellerslie. Telephone or text to - 07732 276046

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Just For The Record was presented twice this year at Stronsay Community Centre. The twin presentations took place on 6 February 2022 and 25 June 2022, and garnered £ 225 door donations. The multimedia one man show features Christopher Andrew Maier as he chronicles the life of gramophone genius Eldridge Reeves Johnson.

Energy expenses for the use of Stronsay Community Centre for the two evenings of entertainment equaled £ 75.

SOS Blue Door

A big thank you to everyone that donated items to send to the blue door, we had a great result raising **£2,341,98**.

There are lots of people to say thank you to for helping along the way,

- Shani Hall and Vicki Holland for their help in sorting and packing all of the items for transport a full container worth!!
- Jim Holland for taking a load across
- Viv for help emptying the container
- Michelle Strong, Kizzy Donnelly and Mag Groat for volunteering in the shop and managing to not buy more than was donate. I maybe struggled with this myself.

I enjoyed my time in the shop and would recommend it to anyone, a big thank you to the staff at the Blue Door who made the whole experience well worth doing.

We are hoping to have another turn next year so keep your eyes open for the next set of dates in the spring.

Kind regards

Anna Bliss-Davis

Chair Parent Council & SOS group

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Love Parties, but hate waste?



Reduce landfill waste by hiring Peedie Party Packs range of children's reusable plates, cups & cake stands instead of buying disposable! we even have themed packages & games packs available, happy to accept hires from across Orkney including the Isles.



Peedie Party Packs



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PeediePartyPacks@hotmail.com

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN



Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding, perennial and vegetable plants.

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

BUILDING WORK

Building work carried out by time-served tradesman

No job too small!

Please note changed telephone number

Phone Paul Williams on 616222 or email williams778@btinternet.com

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

No Royal Bank of Scotland visits until further notice. There are 2 telephone numbers:

0800 051 4177 for anybody in isolation and 0800 046 6734 for all NHS staff

Both lines are open 8-8

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BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE

2 Building plots, Whitehall Village, Stronsay, Orkney

£35K each. Planning in principle for 2/3 bed bungalow plus 2 parking spaces. Electricity and water supplies are on site.

The plots are behind the village street making a secluded location but within easy walking distance of the shop, ferry, cafe and hotel.

The tried and tested practice on the Orkney isles for building is to buy a house kit and either have it erected by the supplier or our island contractor Castlehill Construction (who can also do the ground works)

For information about Stronsay, our lifestyle, its good school and other facilities please visit www.visitstronsay.com

For further information about the sites please contact

- Sharon at Orkney Property Centre, Kirkwall on 01856 877866 or
- Dianne & Paul on 07785111126 or
- email drileymoore@hotmail.com

Planning ref: 18/038/PIP on Orkney Islands Council planning web site



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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Holmsgarth Crafts



*Seasonal Gifts,
Memory bears,
Stronsay book bags, and much more
Many items can be personalised
Made To Order*



Contact Margaret McAnally - [Holmsgarth Crafts | Facebook](#)
[07432614089](tel:07432614089)

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Stronsay
Hotel Takeaway Menu

Burgers

Olivebank hand crafted Cheeseburger and Chips 7.50
Chicken Burger and chips 6.50

Chicken fillet and Chips 6.50
BBQ Sauce 1.00
Sweet/Sour Sauce 1.00

Chicken Nuggets and Chips
Adult 6.00 Child 4.00

Battered fish and Chips 8.50
Scampi and Chips 7.00

Smoked Sausage and Chips 6.00
Battered Sausage and Chips 6.00

Macaroni and Chips 6.50

Chips / half chips 2.00/1.50
Cheesy Chips 3.00/2.50

Extra cheese 1.00
Onion rings 1.00

Thankyou

Telephone 01857 616473
Fridays From 5PM – 8PM

Stronsay Hotel new telephone number 616407

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Marion Miller Jewellery

Unique Jewellery inspired by the sea and shore.
Designed and handmade on the island of Stronsay, Orkney

www.marionmillerjewellery.com

Tel 0799550943 E-mail marionmillerjewellery@gmail.com



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Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Orkney Star Island Soap, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG.

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk

Web: <http://www.orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap>

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**Gas Safe Registered Engineer
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Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
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- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
- All other types of domestic, commercial, industrial plumbing works
- Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

Email: patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com



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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for:

Portraits - groups and individuals

ID photographs - printing on site

Tuition

Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting

Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228

Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

Contact me on stronsaymarkets@gmail.com and I can add you to the regular list of available produce

See Stronsay Markets on YouTube https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

The Book Nook

Orcadia, Stronsay

It's a library! Borrow a book!

It's a book exchange! Swap a book!

It's a shop! Buy a book with a donation!



Over
1000



fiction books!

Opening Hours

Thursday to Tuesday 9am to 4pm

Wednesday 12 noon to 4pm

Open other times on request

Vicki 07873 982648

[facebook.com/TheBookNookatStronsay](https://www.facebook.com/TheBookNookatStronsay)



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handmade  with love

Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
 - ★ Handmade especially for you ★
- ★ Makower fabrics in stock £10 per metre ★
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hazel.airyfairy@gmail.com • www.airyfairyonline.co.uk

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Handcrafted Textiles and Primitive Folk Art



Come and visit Eunice's studio at...
Newbigging, Stronsay, Orkney KW17 2AN

Open Daily
Phone - 01857 616230

Find and buy on Facebook @orkneywyrðweaver
Email - thewyrðweaver@btinternet.com



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“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast

Logie Easter, Kildary

IV18 0NZ



The Old Manse is a listed building dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and commanding far reaching views of the surrounding countryside.

We are ideally located for those travelling to and from Orkney. The ferry terminals of Gills Bay (Pentland Ferries) and Scrabster (North Link Ferries) are no more that 2.5 hours drive with John O’Groats just 2 hours away.

Ensuite Double and twin rooms

Tel 01862 842357 Email oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com

Web www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk

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We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.

We can do all types of ground work, pipe laying, guttering and roofing. Replacement windows and doors, finishings, concrete and general work. All types of work considered, no job too small, all work finished to a high standard. Full public liability insurance, safe, reliable and trustworthy.
Reasonable prices.

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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Christmas Card Delivery

**Stromsay Junior High School staff would like to continue this popular tradition
to raise funds for clubs and activities for the children**

Christmas cards will be sorted and delivered by

Sheena, Steve, Andy and Gaynor

Post boxes are in the shops and school from 1st December 2022

Last postage date is Friday 16th December 2022

Donate as you post: 30p per card

Local post only!



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Remembering Together, Orkney

We need to find-out what a Covid memorial for Orkney should be like. We'll be using creative approaches to explore with people how they'd like to remember.

We need your help to explore ideas, thoughts, experiences and feelings about the pandemic in Orkney and how it's affected you. It's very important that we hear from lots of folk from all around Orkney to have their say in what a memorial should be.

We'll be on Stronsay on Thursday 8th December
At the Community Hall in the morning from 9.30 (all welcome)
At the school from 2pm to meet with the children

We'll be on the island all day, so please do get in touch to find out more or to arrange a meeting.

John Phillips (musician) 07946735096

Emma Ainsley (artist) 07534283808

emma@ainsleyphillipsprojects.com



project supported by:



<https://www.rememberingtogether.scot>



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

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Roll up, roll up folks! Tables are filling up, please give us a call if you would like to book a table for Christmas dinner to celebrate with friends & family.
Closing date for booking tables will be on the Sunday 11th December.

Fishmart Christmas Dinner

Come and join us for the winter holiday festivities

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th December

Tables available from 12pm- 4.30pm booking essential
Please call 01857 616401 to make a booking during opening hours only.

Two courses £16.00 Adult / £10.00 Child under 10

MAIN

Roast turkey, roast potatoes, 3 vegetables, pig in blanket, stuffing and gravy or Vegetarian option available

DESSERT

Mince pies with custard or vanilla ice cream/ Gingerbread cheesecakes

DRINKS

Bring your own alcohol if you wish, glasses provided, no corking fee.

Free tea or coffee

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Stronsay SOS Scarecrow Festival

The Stronsay Support Our School (SOS) would like to say a big thank you to everyone that took part, we hope you all enjoyed the scarecrows.

Winner

The Judges Choice for the Scarecrow was Olivebanks Pirate.

Peoples Choice

1st place to Springwell. 2nd place to Sunnyside, 3rd place goes to Clifton

Well done!

Raffle

The raffle third prize of a mini hamper goes to Catherine Seaton, 2nd prize of a Fishmart voucher for £20 to Carwin Miller and first prize Scarecrow cake goes to Agnes Stevenson.

A Total of £137 was raised for the SOS School fund



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Stronsay Community Playgroup

Playgroup for 0-5s continues to meet in the Community Hall on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm and we generally have a great time playing with the big ride-on vehicles and with the soft play...although there are so many toys to choose from we haven't finished exploring them all yet! We were especially delighted in November to welcome Sarah from Home-Start who came with a craft and with BookBug. Home-Start are there to support all families with at least one child under 5 in Orkney; Sarah



was particularly keen to emphasise that this includes Isles families. If you need someone to keep an eye on your wee one while they nap so you can get an hour for yourself, or someone to phone you for a chat every so often, Home-Start have trained volunteers who are happy to help and you can self-refer through their website. They also run weekly drop-in group sessions on Mainland which families are welcome to come along to if you're in town.



Our wee ones are starting to get excited about Christmas and we've certainly got lots going on! We're hoping to have a few crafts on the go at our sessions on 7th, 14th and 21st December, suitable for babies and toddlers and ideal for last minute gifts or decorations. Getting the best day and time for our meetings to suit everyone is always hard, but if you would like to suggest a change we're happy to explore what is possible. If you missed our 'Playgroup swim' in November please look out for the next one, hopefully sometime in January. All are very welcome so whether you care for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or whoever, please do bring them along and have a blether while the children have fun playing and practising those all-important sharing, communicating and socialising skills.



Home-Start:
www.homestartorkney.org.uk
01856 870770
admin@homestartorkney.org.uk

Playgroup:
Marie or David Locke
01857 616284

PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays 2-3.30pm
Community Hall

Adults 50p
Children £1

Please come and join us –
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THANK YOU

The Stronsay Community Association would like to thank everyone who participated at the recent Christmas tree lighting community concert. You were all superstars and very deserving of the rapturous applause given!

Thank you to everyone who made it all possible and worked like heroes to make the whole night a great success.

Photographs of the concert on the following pages are by Iain Johnston.



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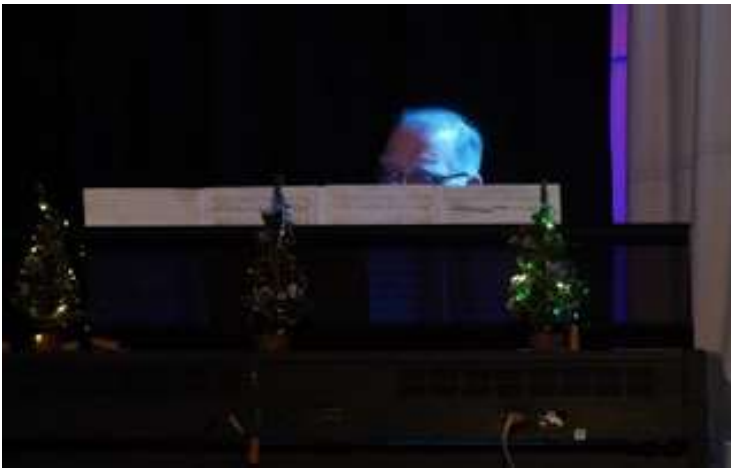
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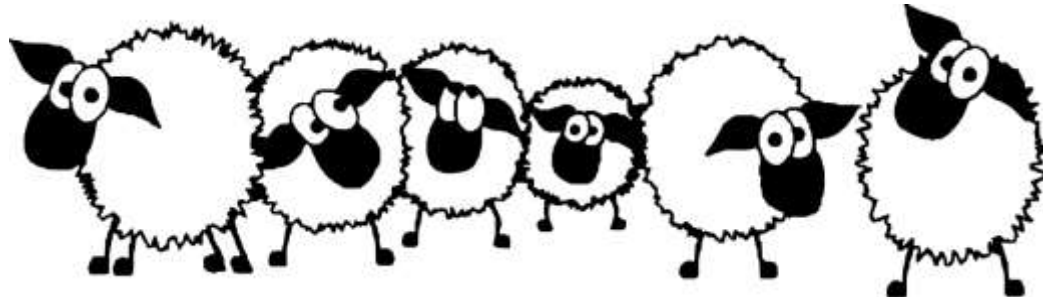
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Stronsay Stitchers



December 2022

We will be taking our usual break for the festive season so there will be no Stitchers in December.

We will foregather again in the new year.

**songs and stories for
Christmas**

An hour of play, stories, songs and crafts for under 5s and a chance to chat for grown-ups.

Please join us in the **church hall** on
Thursday 8th December at 2pm.

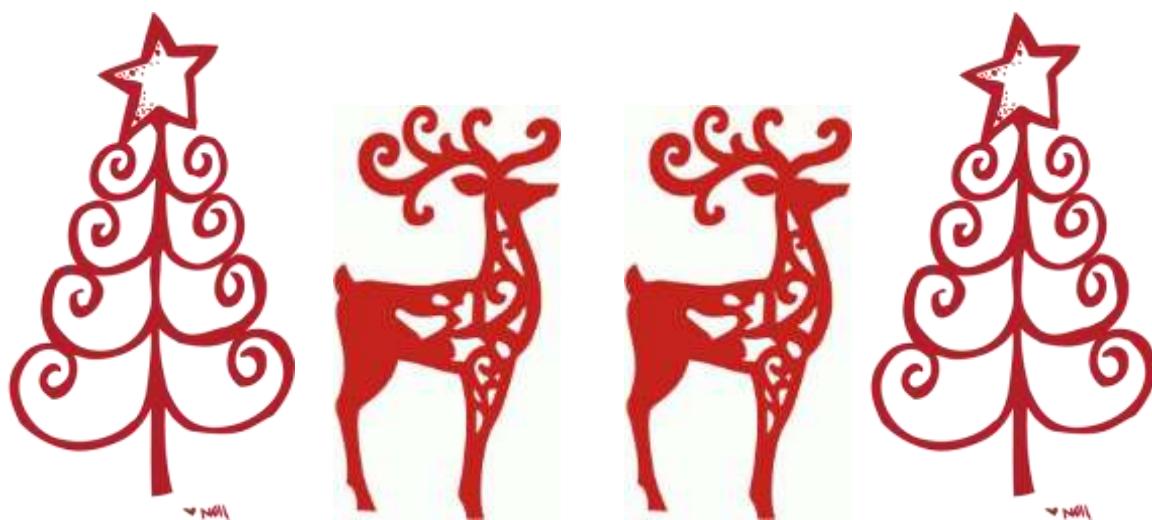
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Any questions contact 616284.

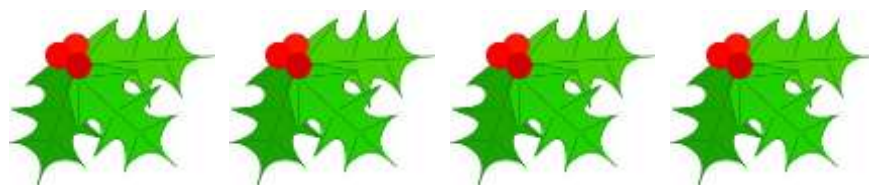
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Stronsay Christmas Craft Fair 2022

Saturday 3rd December



Stronsay Community Hall
1.00pm ■ 4.00pm
Local Hand-made Crafts
Raffle, Refreshments & Bakes



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REPEAT PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

The NHS Orkney Isles Network of Care Manager has issued the following statement to the outer isles Community Councils for local circulation:

Due to the number of postal strikes between the 13th October 2022 - 2nd December 2022, and to enable the continuation of an effective repeat prescription service to the population of the Isles, NHS Orkney would appreciate your assistance.

During the above period, NHS Orkney will be transporting prescriptions via the Inter Island Flight Service, Hauliers and Ferries on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, and not daily via the Postal Service, to ensure there are no delays in the delivery of patient medication. It would be greatly appreciated if, patients requiring repeat prescriptions, order these in a timely manner so that their supply of medication is not compromised. It would be further appreciated if this could be communicated to the population of your specific Isle via any social media or local publications you may have in place. NHS Orkney are also communicating this on it's website, social media and via local media providers.

Please note the process for urgent prescriptions will not change.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance during this difficult time, and should you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ANNE McOMISH

ISLES NETWORK OF CARE MANAGER



Anne McOmish | INOC Operational Manager
Primary Care Department

The Balfour | Foreland Road | Kirkwall | KW15 1NZ

☎ 01856 888022 / Internal ☎ 8022 / Mobile
07733314982

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APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Stronsay Community Council invites applications for financial assistance from anyone who is permanently resident on Stronsay.

Grants are available for travel assistance and events and/or projects of benefit to the community.

If the request is for travel assistance, members can award 50% of the requested amount with a capping limit of £200 funding within twelve months.

Full details of the event and/or project will be required and will be submitted to the next Community Council meeting for consideration.

Financial requests must be with the Island Link Officer prior to the event/project taking place and the payment of any grant awarded will require submission of evidence of expenditure from the applicant.

Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be submitted on an Application For Financial Assistance form available from the Island Link Officer.

If more information, or an Application for Financial Assistance form is required, please contact the Island Link Officer, tel: 616446 [email: stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
19 October 2022

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SCRAP CAR SCHEME

The Scrap Car Scheme operated by Stronsay Community Council is still open and is now available for anyone who may have a vehicle for disposal.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until further notice. The vehicle owner will have two months in which to arrange disposal of the vehicle.

At present there is no gate fee for vehicle disposal, but the scrap value will be paid to Stronsay Community Council and **not** the vehicle's registered keeper.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to the scrap yard, Kirkwall, will be met by Stronsay Community Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car, please: -

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – t: 616446 e: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below.
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with Jim Holland (haulier) for the vehicle's delivery to the scrap yard.
3. Give the completed Verification Form to Jim Holland which must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

A Verification Form will be required for each separate delivery of a car to the scrap yard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer,
The Hill,
Stronsay,
KW17 2AT

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FISHMART CAFE SUMMER OPENING TIMES

(April-September)

Monday	CLOSED	
		(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)
Tuesday	7am - 3pm	
Wednesday	7am - 3pm	
Thursday	7am - 3pm	
Friday	7am - 3pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	11am-2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

FISHMART CAFE WINTER OPENING TIMES

(October-March)

Monday	CLOSED	
		(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	7am - 2pm	
Thursday	7am - 2pm	
Friday	7am - 2pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	11am-2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

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MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS

12 December, 13 February, 11 April, 5 June, 31 July, 25 September, 20 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>,
email library@orkney.gov.uk or telephone 01856 873166.

Winter	Council Houses	8.45	-	9.45
	School	10	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	4.45
Summer/Refit	Council Houses	9.25	-	10
	School	10.15	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	5.30

RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES

Orkney Islands Council has published a “Household refuse and recycling welcome pack” which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/3bjcbacm>.

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THE ORKNEY NEWS

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheOrkneyNews>
<https://theorkneynews.scot>

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table



For more information & bookings contact Mary McLaughlin email thecatstail@outlook.com

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hallcommittee>

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!

If you are planning to hold an event on Stronsay then why not use the free publicity available from the Limpet, the editor's contact details are on the back page of every edition of the [Stronsay Limpet](#). You can advertise in the monthly editions of the Limpet and your event can be publicised via the Stronsay Limpet email list. It's always a good idea to check the [Visit Stronsay calendar](#) when planning an event, could avoid embarrassing clash of dates.

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CROSSROADS ORKNEY

and



We would like to help ease the loneliness and difficulty of lockdown for Dementia sufferers and their carers at home. We have a variety of puzzles, crafts and activities which we can post or deliver. All free of charge. If you know someone who could benefit from this or wish more information please call Crossroads 870500 or Lorna Reid 781329



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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2023 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm>, if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date **will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.**

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2725.

Eday

Week Commencing: 3 October 2022, 12 December 2022 and 27 February 2023

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 17 October 2022 and 23 January 2023

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 24 October 2022 and 30 January 2023

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 10 October 2022, 9 January 2023 and 20 March 2023

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 31 October 2022, and 16 January 2023 and 27 March 2023

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 7 November 2022, 9 January 2023 and 13 March 2023

Sanday

Week Commencing: 21 November 2022, 5 December 2022 and 20 February 2023

Shapinsay

Week Commencing: 17 October 2022, 5 December 2022 and 30 January 2023

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 31 October 2022, 5 December 2022 and 13 February 2023

Westray

Week Commencing: 14 November 2022 and 6 February 2023

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website www.orkney.gov.uk

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SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

Monday	Public session 6:30-7:10	Adult lane 7:10– 7:50
Thursday	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
Saturday	Private hire 2-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

Charges - Adults £3, Children £1.50, Private Hires £15.

Maximum 12 in the pool.

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

Stronsay swimming pool is looking for enthusiastic, reliable and conscientious people to become part of the pool team.

We will train you using the national standard RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification and in return all we ask is you help us keep our small pool open and sustainable.

The ability to swim and a degree of fitness is required before you start your journey into 'lifeguard life'.

Interested parties should contact Andy Rose: email andyrose85@btinternet.com, phone 01857 616277 or mobile 07769 689 310

OVERSEERS WANTED

Looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool reopening please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331.

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HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Ebenezer Stores stronsaystores@gmail.com

Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com

Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD **NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES**

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is now open for public Masses with the permission of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mass times are as follows:-

- Sunday & holidays: 11am
- Tuesday: 8.00am
- All other days: 11.20am

GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY **DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST**

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stronsay.

<http://www.papastronsay.com/live>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 7pm (the times shown are approximate):

- 4pm Short talk by one of the priests.
- 4:30pm Recitation of the Rosary.
- 5pm Mass.
- 6pm Further prayers and office of the day.

STRONSAY KIRK

Weekly service at 11am.

Minister—Rev David Locke, phone 616284.

Stronsay kirk's website:

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk>

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

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The Manse, Stronsay KW17 2AF **KIRK CORNER**

DLocke@churchofscotland.org.uk

01857 616284



It's Saint Andrew's day, when we remember Andrew our Patron Saint, celebrated in Scotland for over 1,000 years. There are great legends about Andrew, but especially he was a leading follower of Jesus. Andrew is seen in the Bible as someone who introduced others to Jesus- like his brother Peter, or a small boy who helped Jesus feed large crowds, and for introducing foreign strangers to Jesus. Andrew shows us that the small welcoming things we do matter, and some say that welcoming spirit is embodied in Scottish character. Andrew is said to have died by crucifixion on the diagonal cross, as he humbly deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus. Andrew is also Patron Saint of Ukraine and Russia, would that his humble brave and Jesus-led spirit of openness to others would help bring justice and peace in those nations.

Peter and Andrew were fishermen and Jesus said he would make them instead be fishers of people, who would help others rise up out of whatever mess they were in. That hope of God at work in and through people, is what we think of especially at the start of Advent, the period of 4 weeks running up to Christmas.

In church for each Sunday coming, we light a different candle to remind of us of some of the practical ways the light of Christmas can brighten our lives, the help that the coming of Jesus offers us amidst a dark world that can sometimes cause us to despair. Last Sunday we focused on the HOPE that Jesus offers especially to people feeling trapped by the hurts of life, by prison bars, by others' hurts or just their own weaknesses. At times we might think the Christian hope is too vague or unrealistic, but we remembered on Sunday how Jesus in real life offers fresh vision especially to the downtrodden: we heard true stories of 2 Scottish prisoners who had been set free from what had entrapped them, so they are leading new positive lives.

Sarah a Dundonian woman, was bullied most of her life and sent to prison for 5 years where she was again bullied. But the peace, hope and caring love of some Christian prison visitors spoke to her, as something she too could have, and with their help she found the Spirit that God could give her; when she got out of prison, she joined a church and turned her life around to the point she is happy and working as a hotel manager.

Tam was a Christian in his early days but working as a psychiatric nurse, chose to reject Christianity as stupid, and party as much as he could, avoiding all lasting relationships and responsibilities. Under drugs and alcohol, his life went drastically downhill, to the point he was one step from total self-destruction and spent 18 years in prison. But in prison, Christians cared for him and sowed fresh love and hope in his life as he rediscovered that God accepted him with unconditional love so he could forgive the hurts that had caused him despair, and slowly with God's help, he knew he was set free from the negative emotions and memories that dragged him down. He is now out of prison and journeying on with hope.

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Hope can come in different ways, through God’s spirit at work in people opening up to truth and understanding. I chatted today on the ferry with Christopher Maier on his way back to USA. He said to me the news today of one of the radical narrow-minded leaders of the attempted rioting overthrow of the US Congress, had been arrested, and Christopher said that now there is hope for America and in America opening up closed minds. The hope of Christmas is real in down to earth ways, amidst life’s troubles which can cause us to despair at times. For example I feel inspired by the Ukrainians, linked to us by St Andrew and so many other ways; the President’s wife summed it up recently , saying ‘we will endure’ and asking us to keep going giving them hope. Hope is about people struggling on in hardship.



Jesus comes to give us that Spirit of hope amidst darkness, but we have to let it in. On Sunday in church, we listened to a song by Casting Crowns, entitled “is there room in your heart to let God’s story in?” I went to the Stronsay Christmas tree lights switch-on, and it was great, but I was too busy to attend the celebrations in the hall, which I learnt afterwards were really brilliant - well done everyone. It’s me who missed out! ; don’t miss out this Christmas of the things that can really light up your heart- let God’s story in again.

Nearer Christmas, we will hear how the angel said, *‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.[Luke 2 v 10]* That Joy can be partly all the things we associate with Christmas, but also the inner spirit in us even when we don’t feel all that joyful, if we let the spirit of Christmas in again, even the voice of angels around through the Christmas Spirit working in people. An angel has already visited me! - well at least a large angel decoration to add to last year’s outside nativity scene to help brighten the middle of the island, and offer us a new message of Hope.

So the challenge for us is once again, to let the angels, the saints, the decorations, the people and the their needs, the hope and much more of Christmas, not just go by, but let them refresh our hearts, whatever is going on. May God bless you this Advent, with something of the light and hope that Jesus comes to offer, amidst the darkness around

David Rev David I W Locke.MA M.Sc., BD

USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed
Post collection times	7:30am, Monday to Saturday
OIC Special collection.	Week Commencing: 5 Dec 2022, 13 Feb 2023
Island Link Officer.	Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475
SDT Office	Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk . . .	Weekly service at 11am
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Next mobile library van visit .	Mon 28 Nov
Weekly rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out by 8am but not on the night before!)
Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
Forward scam texts to	7726
Forward scam emails to	report@phishing.gov.uk

EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999

Airy Fairy	616231	Scottish Fuels	01856 873105
Castle Bird Reserve	616363	SDT office	616410
Community council	616446	Silver Darlings	616412
Companions Club	616352	Star Island Soap	616281
Craftship Enterprise	0778 511 1126	Stranded seals, etc	616207/206/498
Doctor	616321	Stronsay Band	616335
Ebenezer Stores	616339	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . .	616407
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . .	616207	Stronsay school	616246
	<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	Stronsay taxi	616335
Fish Mart	616401	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
Golgotha monastery.	616210	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
	<i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org	Electricity	
Hairdresser	616337	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Hall bookings	616263		(<i>lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm</i>)
	<i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
Highland Fuels	01856 873766	power cut (24/7). . .	105
Island Link Officer	616475	Police (non urgent) (24/7)	101
Kirk secretary	616238	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Limpet editor	616297	Dentists:	
Medical emergency	616321	Daisybank Clinic . .	01856 870547
Neil's on Wheels	07723 304 260	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
Manse	616284	King Street	01856 888258
Nurses	616321	Orkney Dental	01856 872030
Olivebank	616255	Vets:	
OIC out of hours	01856 873535	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Post Office	616499	Northvet	01856 873403
Red House Plants	616377		
Registrar	616239		

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